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## **BELTON WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO METH CHARGE**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Belton, Mo., woman pleaded guilty in federal court today to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

**Andrea L. Nixon**, 31, of Belton, pleaded guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert E. Larsen this afternoon to the charge contained in an April 19, 2005, federal indictment.

By pleading guilty today, **Nixon** admitted that she was in possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine on Oct. 7, 2004.

**Nixon** was arrested on Oct. 7, 2004, after law enforcement officers received information that she was selling drugs from her residence. Investigators also learned that there were hidden cameras covering the exterior of the residence, a motion sensor on the mailbox at the end of the driveway near the street, and reports of an unusual amount of traffic arriving and leaving from the residence in the evening. While executing a search warrant at **Nixon's** residence, Graves said, law enforcement officers found methamphetamine located in a safe in the basement. Officers also found various items consistent with the manufacturing and distribution of methamphetamine in the basement and garage area.

Under federal statutes, **Nixon** could be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison without parole, up to life in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$4 million. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Patrick J. O'Connor. The case was investigated by the Belton, Mo., Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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